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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Mikio ITO et al. : Patent Art Unit: 3744
Serial No.: 10/567,786 : Confirmation No. 3050
Filed: February 9, 2006 :
For: INDOOR UNIT OF AIR CONDITIONER :
AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING: :
THEREOF :
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the attached references to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. *No fee is believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement.* However, if a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 50-1836.

Japanese Utility-Model Publication No. 3-97113 appears to disclose a panel-type air conditioner having a flat plate front panel being capable of shifting back and forth to change an area of a suction opening at the top surface.

Japanese Utility-Model Publication No. 4-20923 appears to disclose an air conditioner having a flat front panel and a linked mechanism that makes the panel movable to cover and/or expose a suction opening and an inlet.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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